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VISITATION, MEMORIAL FOR MIKE HARGRAVE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018) – Visitation and a memorial service for **Mike Hargrave**, the former director of stabling for Churchill Downs Racetrack for nearly 40 years, will be held Wednesday in Jeffersonville, Ind. Hargrave passed away Saturday in Louisville following a three-week battle with acute pancreatitis. He was 69.

Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at **Legacy Funeral Center** (921 Main Street, Jeffersonville, Ind.) and a short memorial service will follow visitation at 7 p.m.

Hargrave was a respected and popular fixture on the Churchill Downs backstretch from 1980-2010. Following his retirement, Hargrave's son **Steve** was named his successor.

In addition to Steve, Mike Hargrave is survived by his wife of 48 years, **Phyllis**; daughter **Michelle “Shelley” Evans**; mother, **Dorothy**; sister, **Deborah Babcock**; six grandchildren and one great grandson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to your local humane society or to the **Backside Learning Center** at Churchill Downs.

Another memorial is likely to be held in April when Kentucky horsemen return from their winter bases.

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve on May 5, 2018. The track's 2018 Spring Meet is scheduled for April 28-June 30. An eight-time host to the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Churchill Downs will again be the site of that event on Nov. 2-3, 2018. Information is available at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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